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IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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FOR: GENE IMPROVING  
TEMPERATURE-TOLERANCE OF  
ACETIC ACID BACTERIUM, ACETIC  
ACID BACTERIUM BRED USING THE  
GENE AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING  
VINEGAR USING THE ACETIC ACID  
BACTERIUM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly enter the following Preliminary  
Amendment.

**Amendments to the Sequence Listing begin on page 2 of this paper.**

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IN THE SEQUENCE LISTING

Please replace the original Sequence Listing with the Substitute Sequence Listing attached to this response.